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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 19 October 1954, trucks with engineer and billeting equipment were seen en route between the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in Magdeburg and the Driedrichstadt railroad station. At 2100, 30 trucks with sections of steel pontoons were seen on a train at the railroad station. Additional small columns were seen ready for entraining.

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At 0730 on 20 October, loadings continued at the railroad station. At 1900, only a few windows of the installation were lighted.

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2. At about 1050 on 12 October, a column of 27 trucks with TMP-type pontoons, 3 crane trucks, 3 six-wheel amphibious vehicles, 6 trucks with beams and logs, and 4 trucks with personnel wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the Seeckt Kaserne in Magdeburg.

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The approximately 80 trucks with TMP-type pontoons and the six-wheel amphibious vehicles previously seen were no longer in the barracks area on 25 October. On this day, the installation was occupied by approximately 700 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. 1

3. On 12 October, it was determined that a section of the Zuckerbusch Kaserne (5288) in Magdeburg had been separated. This section had a billeting capacity of approximately 1,000 soldiers. discharges were assembled there prior to their departure to the USSR and that all soldiers who had served more than 3 years were to be discharged. On 25 October, a train of 39 boxcars occupied by troops went from Magdeburg-Brueckfeld toward Biederitz. After the departure of the train, the camp in the Zuckerbusch Kaserne was only lightly occupied. 2

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4. Between 13 and 26 October, the Flak Kaserne (5282) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eighteen trucks towing 18 x 85-mm AT guns were seen in the yard. The AAA emplacement east of the athletic field was unoccupied. Motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving

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the installation.

5. Between 13 and 26 October, the Anger Kaserne (5284) in Magdeburg was occupied

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by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283) by approximately 1,300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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- 6, Between 13 and 26 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 800 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets.

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1. Comment. On 3 October, the bulk of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GSFG had returned from the maneuver of the Third Shock Army. On 12 October, raer elements of the regiment presumably returned to their quarters from their employment area on the Elbe River. The loading on 19/20 October presumably involved the bulk of the regiment which possibly left for other exercises, presumably special engineer exercises.

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2. Comment. The camp in the Zuckerbusch Kaserne probably was an assembly point for discharges of the Third Shock Army.

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3. Comment. The AT guns are believed to belong to the heavy AT regiment of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig which was probably also stationed in the Flak Kaserne prior to the summer training period. According to the strength estimate, not all components of the 3d Gds AAA Div and elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div believed stationed in the installation had returned to their quarters prior to 26 October.

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4. Comment. Not all units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div had returned to their installation prior to 26 October. Light elements may have still been stationed in the Letzling Heath.

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5. Comment. The Hindenburg Kaserne is believed to be occupied as previously by the 105th Sig Regt of the Third Shock Army.

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